

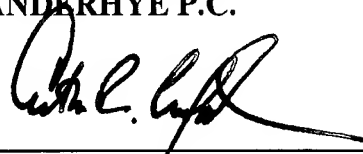
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Entry of this preliminary amendment and examination of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claim 53 as follows:

53. (Amended) A pigment comprising the composite particles defined in [any one of claims 1, 12, 20, 26, 37 and 44] claim 1.

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